REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claim 2 is amended. The revision to claim 2 is supported, for example, at Figures 2 and 6, and at page 5, lines 12-19 in the specification. Claims 1-8 are pending, with claims 1 and 2 being independent.

Initially, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that the application contains allowable subject matter, specifically that claims 1, 5, and 6 are allowed and that claim 4 is allowable over the prior art of record.

Claim rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 2, 3, 7, and 8 stand rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,773,924 (Nakamura). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Independent claim 2 is directed to an internal magnetic shield for a cathode ray tube. At least one pair of the long and short side walls are provided with one notch on each respective wall. Each of the notches is formed by at least two pairs of opposing cutting edges with different orientations such that there is no wall area between the at least two pairs of opposing cutting edges.

External magnetic fields can cause mislanding of electron beams in cathode ray tubes. The effects of external magnetic fields on a cathode ray tube are greater in the corners, or edges, of the screen. *See, e.g.*, page 1, lines 31-35. The arrangement of claim 2 reduces the effect of mislanding caused by external magnetic fields at the edges of a screen. *See, e.g.*, page 3, lines 10-12.

Nakamura does not teach or suggest at least the above features. Rather, Nakamura discloses two notches on one wall. Accordingly, Nakamura does not teach or suggest the feature of one notch on a wall, nor does it teach that there is no wall area between the two pairs of opposing cutting edges. Thus, the configuration of Nakamura cannot reduce the effect of mislanding in the manner of the present invention. Applicants therefore submit that claim 2 is allowable over the cited reference.

Claims 3, 7, and 8 depend from claim 2. Therefore, each of those claims is believed allowable for at least the reason that it is dependent upon an allowable base claim.

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is requested.

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